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As a follow-up to data request No. 9-41, there was a decrease in Account 887 (maintenance of mains) from 2011 to 2012, continuing in 2013. The decrease was the result of two items:

- Catching up on maintenance activities - the maintenance and repair of mains has now caught up after an increase in costs in 2008-2011, decreasing both payroll and subcontract labor in this account and the cost level is expected to remain fairly stable.
- Ongoing contract labor costs that were recorded in Acct. 887 through September 2011 have been recorded in Acct. 874.1 (operation of mains) beginning in October 2011. There is approximately \$27,600 of contract labor costs that were recorded in Acct. 887 in the twelve months ending June 30, 2012 that were recorded in Acct. 874.1 for the twelve months ending June 30, 2013.

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